

# GOOD MARKED THE PRE-CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

## At Ridgewood, N. J., Aviators Dropped Dolls and Toys in Miniature Parachutes—Good Cheer Provided For 12,000 Immigrants Who Are to Spend the Holiday Aboard Ship—President Wilson Pardoned Three Men Serving Terms in Federal Prisons—Sixty Tons of Toys Were Distributed Among the Children in the Devastated Areas of France.

New York, Dec. 24.—Within sight of the Golden Gate, the aviators of the country of the future, more than 12,000 prospective citizens, recent arrivals from a dozen countries, today received their Christmas gifts on board ship rather than on land.

At Ellis Island, the gateway through which all steerage passengers must pass, 1,000 were waiting for the inspection of inspectors who would grant or deny them the right to land; the congestion at Ellis Island and aboard ship was due to the holiday influx of large throngs.

Passenger agents of various lines saw to it, however, that the day was not so tedious as the previous one, and the commissioner in charge of Ellis Island aided by various relief organizations provided Christmas cheer for those detained at the island.

Tugs and barges today carried to the ships trees and other green decorations many of which would be the envy of the land. The day, however, was not so tedious as the previous one, and the commissioner in charge of Ellis Island aided by various relief organizations provided Christmas cheer for those detained at the island.

## YULETIDE PAR FOR CHEERFUL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

London, Dec. 24.—The United Kingdom as a whole was facing a far from cheerful holiday season when Christmas eve arrived. Part of the country was preparing for an old time festival by homes and hotels in the west end were arranging celebrations worthy of ancient traditions. In contrast with this, however, must be placed the grim reality in Ireland and the desperate want which has invaded homes of scores of thousands throughout the kingdom, due to unemployment.

It was estimated today that at least a million people are without work, and London's East End was looking sadly and longingly toward the luxury of the West End. Everywhere there were reminders for the well-to-do what Christmas meant to the less fortunate.

For many millions this Christmas was more like the old time Yuletide than any since 1913. There was a general disposition to economize in gifts and a desire to buy Christmas toys of the grim reality in Ireland and the desperate want which has invaded homes of scores of thousands throughout the kingdom, due to unemployment.

## SANTA CLAUS DROPPED DOLLS AND TOYS FROM PLANE

Ridgewood, N. J., Dec. 24.—Santa Claus came out of the clouds and dropped low before assembled hundreds of children who could see the pink of his cheeks and whirl of his whiskers as his airplane cut "doodles" in the air here today. Then he dropped dolls and toys from the "house" down to earth in miniature parachutes.

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## 60 TONS OF TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF DEVASTATED FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 24.—Sixty tons of toys, donated by the children of France, will be distributed in the devastated areas of France by the league of officers and aviators of France under the direction of M. Blin-Valmer, the French writer, and vice-president of the league.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETING BY PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 24.—President-elect Harding issued the following Christmas greeting tonight:

"There is peace, there is confidence in the morrow. There is even cheer in the belief that the distress of today is quickly passing and that a normal human being, it gets everybody a very Merry Christmas. I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas. I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas. I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas."

## 100,000,000 PLEDGED FOR CHILD-RESCUE FUND

New York, Dec. 24.—In a cablegram of Christmas encouragement to the overseas workers of the organization, the president of the European relief council, Herbert Hoover, director, announced tonight that more than \$100,000,000 has been pledged to the child rescue fund, meaning that 1,000,000 of the 2,500,000 destitute children in eastern and central Europe are assured of life until the next harvest.

## THREE PARDONS CHRISTMAS BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Dec. 24.—Three pardons as President Wilson's gift to men serving sentences in federal prisons were announced today by the department of justice. Clarence Brown, serving a life term for murder in Leavenworth, and Edward C. Riber, serving two years at the United States penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington, for violation of the narcotic laws.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM CARDINAL MERCIER

New York, Dec. 24.—Christmas greetings from Cardinal Mercier of Belgium and Lucien of Rheims to the American public were received here today at headquarters of the Knights of Columbus.

Cardinal Mercier said that his reconstruction fund by Americans had provided Belgium with a happier Christmas than it otherwise could have been. Cardinal Lucien declared the regent Knighthood of Columbus giving him the most striking civic memories of Rheims.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Sad Christmas For Hohenzollerns. Dorn, Holland, Dec. 24.—The third Christmas of the Hohenzollern family in Holland will be less pretentious than last year's celebration at Amerongen. The serious illness of the former emperor and the suicide of Joachim will give the observance more of an air of mourning than celebration.

## Tokio, Japan, Estimates the Casualties in Kan-Su Province at 2,000.

Tokio, Dec. 23.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Asahi Shimbun reports a terrific earthquake in Kan-Su Province on December 16, with casualties estimated at 2,000.

The seismograph at Georgetown University, Washington, was reported on December 16 as recording the most severe earth disturbance of two years. The Rev. Father Francis A. Tardif, director of the observatory, announced on that date a shock beginning shortly after seven o'clock in the morning and continuing after noon. He estimated its distance from Washington at 2,300 miles, in an easterly direction.

## Loan Bonds a Gift?

Washington, Dec. 24.—Withdrawal of the tax exemption privilege from farm loan bonds issued in the future by joint stock land banks has been recommended to congress by Secretary Houston. It is reported by Colonel J. P. Coombs, director of the Near East Relief, who has just returned from that Black Sea port.

The withdrawal of the tax exemption features from farm loan bonds, however, the secretary suggested, should be accompanied by an increase in the powers of the federal land banks to make loans authorized by joint stock land banks in order that there be no curtailment of the financial benefits to agriculture provided by the term loan act.

## CHRISTMAS 1920

This is the glory-day of days; Let earth and all her people raise Their voices in triumphant praise, For this great day of splendor.

This is the birthday of our King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every thing Join in the song the angles sing, And adoration render.

The Christ-child came for you and me, And brought our pardon full and free, That all the world his love might see, And treasures He has given.

## WORLD OPEN MARKETS OF RUSSIA AND GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 24.—Opening of the markets of Russia, Germany and of other foreign countries to American farmers and manufacturers through the handling of securities of those nations by the war finance corporation was suggested by J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation today to the senate agricultural and banking committee.

Mr. Howard's plan as outlined to the two committees in joint session would have the credit of the American Farm Bureau Federation today to the senate agricultural and banking committee.

## HOSTILITIES HAVE BEGUN

Fiume, Dec. 23.—(By The A. P.)—The Italian government has refused to receive any further communication from the Italian officials outside of Fiume, considering that hostilities have begun.

Most of D'Annunzio's time is occupied by ministerial and war councils, and in issuing proclamations and addresses to the people. He has not yet received any communication from the Italian officials outside of Fiume, considering that hostilities have begun.

## APPLE CIDER WAS FOUND TO BE MOSTLY ALCOHOL

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Inquisitive detectives who went into a saloon today to sample the contents of bottles marked "Apple Cider, Non-Intoxicating" found that the "cider" was mostly alcohol. The seizure was 150 bottles.

An abandoned damaged automobile found in Northford, Conn., tonight had fifteen cases of whiskey in it, which the federal officers brought here. Later, the whiskey was found to be a building contractor of Springfield, Mass., was arrested here as the owner of the machine and charged with violation of the liquor law. The whiskey was bought in Bridgeport, Conn., and prepared for the holiday trade in Springfield.

## RESTAURANT LOCKOUT THREATENS PARIS

Paris, Dec. 24.—Paris is threatened with a restaurant lockout New Year's eve if the chamber of deputies votes the law proposed by the government to restrict the sale of fifty per cent. on the amount paid for Christmas and New Year's eve suppers in excess of the usual price of food. The law is applied to restaurants, proprietors' association threatens to lock restaurant doors on New Year's eve.

## WOMAN FIRED IN SLAYING OF A JEWELRY SALESMAN

Springfield, Missouri, Dec. 24.—Police this afternoon arrested Mrs. Frederick E. Brenner of Staunton, Va., in connection with the fatal shooting here yesterday afternoon of J. J. Seigrist, a jewelry salesman of Kansas City. Mrs. Brenner's husband also is sought by officers investigating the shooting. The police were unable to find two trunks belonging to the slain salesman and said to contain \$10,000 worth of jewelry.

## EXATIONS OF MARTIAL MORE STRINGENT IN CORK

Cork, Dec. 24.—A military proclamation orders that all householders in the martial law area on January 1 affix to the inner side of their doors a list of all inmates with age, sex and other description. Hotels and lodging house keepers are required to furnish daily to the nearest police station a similar list with information as to where each guest comes from and where he is going.

## Goodyear Co. to Issue \$50,000,000 in Bonds

Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Stockholders of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company today morning voted to authorize directors to issue \$50,000,000 in bonds and then to sell until December 29 when directors will report on their efforts to organize the company.

It was understood that a group of New York bankers has undertaken to underwrite the issue.

## Court Has Sustained a Motion to Quash Summons in Suit For Receiver.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Judge Kinlead in the court of common pleas, yesterday sustained a motion to quash summons in a suit for receiver for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

The suit was made by the Price-Waterhouse company was read at today's meeting. It showed book value of Goodyear preferred to be \$100 and of common \$14 a share.

## INCAPABILITY OF JUDGE BASIS FOR ACTION FOR NEW TRIAL

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Counsel for James E. Todd, trustee, in suits against Walter H. Bradley and family of New Haven, Meriden and Middletown, filed motions in the superior court asking for new trials in six suits which, by judgment for the defendants apparently had brought long litigation to a close. The contention now is that the judge who decided for the Bradleys is incapable by law of perfecting appeals to the supreme court of errors because he has been retained under a contract to act as counsel for the Bradleys.

## CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING LIQUOR ACROSS BORDER

Newport, Vt., Dec. 24.—Joseph H. A. Gagnier, who told the authorities he was a builder of the superior court of Sherbrooke, Quebec, was lodged in jail here today on a charge of smuggling liquor across the border after customs officers had stopped his automobile and confiscated 200 quarts of whiskey and ten quarts of rum.

## CLARA SMITH PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 24.—Miss Clara Smith arrived here late today from El Paso on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, republican national committee man and wealthy oil operator.

Her attorney of her attorneys departed tonight for Ardmore to arrange for her appearance in court and her expected release on \$10,000 bond.

## POPE CONCERNED OVER SITUATION IN FIUME

Rome, Dec. 23.—Pope Benedict is deeply concerned over the situation at Fiume, and has instructed Monsignor Constantini to go to all the means at his disposal to prevent a conflict and avoid bloodshed. He believes that as the differences of opinion between the Italian government and the D'Annunzio are not reduced to such a small place it would be sacrilegious if human life were imperiled to settle them.

## STOCK HOLDERS OF THE ANDROSCOGGIN MILLS AT LEWISTON RECEIVED NOTICE OF AN INCREASE IN THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE COMPANY

Lebanon, Dec. 24.—The Androscoggin Mills at Lewiston received notice of an increase in the capital stock of the company of \$1,000,000, the same to be distributed to present stockholders through a stock dividend of 100 per cent.

Joseph M. Riber, president of the Merchants & Manufacturers National Bank, Newark, N. J., died in the City Hospital, Newark, from a fracture of the skull sustained when a trolley car struck him and his wife, killing her, at Lincoln Park, N. J.

## QUINCY, ILL., POLICEMAN HELD UP ON BUSINESS STREET

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 24.—A Quincy policeman was held up early today on one of the principal business streets. The robber backed the officer against a wall, rifled his pockets and escaped in a shower of bullets from his victim's rifle.

## Brief Telegrams

Bar gold in London was quoted at 115s 8d an ounce, compared with 115s 6d at previous close.

J. & P. Coats, thread manufacturers of Pawtucket, R. I., announce that their mills will be closed until Jan. 1.

Burglars in the postoffice at Georgetown, Conn., battered open a safe and took postal and other funds amounting to \$250.

## Lawrence Hawthorne, Who Pleaded Guilty to Burglary in Connection With Hotel Astor Hold-Up Last Week—Hold-Up in Murray Hill Hotel Marked Revival of Crime Wave in New York Yesterday—Arrest of Four Men in Brooklyn, Police Hope, Will Clear Up Several Robberies and Hold-Ups Recently in Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey.

New York, Dec. 24.—New York tonight sought relief from its crime wave in the peace of Christmas eve after a day marked by sudden revival of the apparently waning activities of law breakers.

A hold-up early today in the Murray Hill hotel, on Park avenue, brought four men were arrested in Brooklyn through whom, the officials declared, they hope to clear up several robberies and hold-ups recently in Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey. With them was a woman who was held as a material witness.

## DIAMOND DEALER ROBBED OF JEWELS VALUED AT \$50,000

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 24.—While thousands of Christmas shoppers were surging the Milwaukee streets today, a town courier this afternoon, two armed bandits held up Joseph Malachuk, a diamond dealer, and escaped with jewels valued at \$50,000.

As another precautionary move, Police Commissioner Enright and Park Commissioner Gallatin issued orders closing Central Park to pedestrian automobile traffic between midnight and 6 a. m. The order, it was announced, is "for the protection of the public."

## ASKS \$3,000,000 INCREASE FOR CHICAGO POLICE PATROLL

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chief of Police Charles F. Dillmon today sent a letter to the city council asking that the police department's payroll be increased by about \$3,000,000 annually so that "the men responsible for the safety of Chicago's citizens would receive a decent living wage and be able to give in to the temptations of bribe offers to which they necessarily are subjected." Such increase would help greatly to stop crime, he said.

## PROTEST AGAINST TARIFF MEASURE IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Dec. 24.—Protesting against the recent tariff measure passed by the Argentine congress, which would increase the duty on wheat, flour, corn, wool and various meat products by the United States, the Argentine Confederation of Commerce, Industry and Production has sent a note to the Argentine government advising that protests be taken against products from the United States imported by Argentina if the measure is enacted into law.

## TAFT IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 24.—President-elect Harding's last conference on the proposed society of nations before casting aside his duties as president of the United States was held today with the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington asking its intervention and pointing out "the danger to Argentine and American commercial relations" which the passage of the law would represent.

## NEWBERN, N. C. IRON WORKS ON PROFIT-SHARING BASIS

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 24.—Employees of the Newbern Iron Works and supply company received today their first week's pay on the profit-sharing basis established by the company's new plan.

A reduction of 10 per cent. on the wages received a week ago was made and the new plan was put into effect. The company's new plan was put into effect.

## MORE PAY FOR NEW YORK BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS

New York, Dec. 24.—Several thousand workers in the New York book and job printing industry will receive an increase in pay of from \$2.50 to \$5 weekly under the decision of a board of arbitration.

The award is retroactive to October 1, 1920 and was made upon the basis of seven and one-half per cent. increase in the cost of living since January 1, 1920.

## DIFFICULTIES IN MAKING OVER BOSTON POLICE FORCE

Boston, Dec. 24.—The difficulties involved in making over the police department after the strike of September, 1919, were shown today when Commissioner Edwin U. Curtis in his annual report said 73 members of the new force had to be dismissed for various offenses and 231 reprimanded.

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